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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

DATE: 5/26/2021

DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Lynelle Johnson
Office: Justice of the Peace, 3rd Justice Court
Parish: ASCENSION
Election Date: 11/3/2020
Level of Office: Any

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G
Original Due Date: 11/25/2020
Date Filed: 3/2/2021
Activity Receipts: \$0
Expenditures: \$7.00
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$915.90

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1000
Days Late: 97
Late Fee Order Received: 3/8/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/28/2021
Waiver Request Received: 3/3/2021
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Candidate submitted waiver request via fedex and states that she has never been late or failed to file her campaign reports as required. Due to the complexity of this campaign she decided to hire someone to help. She said the first two reports were due she verified they were filed accordingly so she did not double check subsequent reports. When she received the first notice in February she contacted her report preparer and she was assured that the reports were filed. When she received the 2nd notice she contacted the staff in Ethics Administration and found out that the reports were not filed. She said she understands it is her responsibility but unfortunately she took someone's word that they had been done. She said there were no outside campaign contributions or expenses other than bank fees.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

LYNELLE JOHNSON CAMPAIGN
for
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, 3RD JUSTICE COURT
ASCENSION PARISH

March 2, 2021

Louisiana Department of Ethics
617 North Third Street
LaSalle Building, Suite 10-36
Baton Rouge , LA 70802

Dear Melissa Horne,

I am writing in regard to my campaign's (Lynelle Johnson Campaign) 10-G and Annual Reports. I was under the impression that the company I hired to handle these affairs for my campaign had filed all the reports in a timely manner; however, I found out that they had not. As of March 2, 2021, they have been filed online.

I am asking that the fines be waived for my campaign. As you will see in my previous elections I have never been late or failed to file my campaign reports as required. All of the previous years I personally prepared and submitted each report myself. Due to the complexity of this campaign I decided to and needed to "hire out" some help. Part of our agreement was for this company to maintain my expenses, my very limited campaign contributions, and file such with the Board of Ethics. When the first two reports were due I verified they were filed accordingly and they were, so I admittedly did not double check any others after that. I presumed they were done because I verified the information needed on each report with this companies representative. When I received the first notice in early February I contacted the owner of the company I hired and was assured the reports were filed and they would correct any errors. I again, did not immediately verify this information because I had no problems in the past or any reason to question what I was being told and with Covid-19 I have experienced delays in document processing with local, state, and federal government agencies due to limited openings and personnel working from home having limited access to documents received. After receiving a second notice from your office I did immediately contact Michelle Andrew to verify if all of my reports were filed as I was assured. After speaking with Ms. Andrew today and learning that what I had been told of what was completed and what was truly not, I immediately had these reports prepared and filed on line by those whom indicated they had already. I do understand it is my responsibility to see these reports are filed as required, and I did not, I gave this responsibility to someone and took someone's word it had been done. As you will see in the reports filed today there were no outside campaign contributions or

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expenses except those to the bank and myself with the intent to close this account at that time. The failure to file these reports was not intentional in any way.

I hope you will consider my situation, the explanation, and the simplicity of the reported information and relieve me of the \$1000.00 fine Ms. Andrew informed me I have been assessed with today. I have attached a copy of the text messages between myself and the hired company's owner assuring me this matter had been handled should you need them. If you have any questions or need any additional information from me please do not hesitate to call me on my personal cell 225.931.2586 or email lynelle@communityauto.com.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynelle Johnson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Lynelle Johnson

11872 River Highlands Drive
St. Amant, LA 70774

Attached:

Text message (2 pages)

Verification of reports filed electronically (3 pages)

Thursday 6:50 PM



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2/24 **Sorry we missed you while you were out.**

Date: 2/25

The item was sent by: LA BARRA

It was sent to: L Johnson Ethno

At this address: 11872 River Hills

About the missed delivery:

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Package ☒ Letter ☐ Large envelope

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Date: 2/26

This is the:

☒ First attempt ☐ Final notice

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At a funeral, will call you right after.

Brian said he handled it. I will call Board of Ethics before I call you.

I am so sorry. I keep bothering u at the worst moments. I hope and pray all gets better.

Lynelle Johnson

From: Brian Davis <brian@3strategiesllc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 1:09 PM
To: Lynelle Johnson; J Hudson
Subject: Fwd: LEADERS Online: Filing LA-97061 - Lynelle Johnson

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Filer ID: CAN994707

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COMMUNITY AUTO SERVICES
12416 HWY 44

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ACTWGT: 0.50 LB
CAD: 9603660INET14340

GONZALES, LA 70737
UNITED STATES US

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TO **MELISSA HORNE**

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617 NORTH THIRD STREET

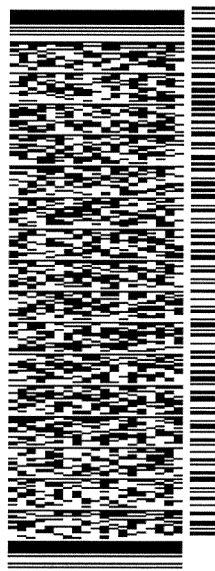
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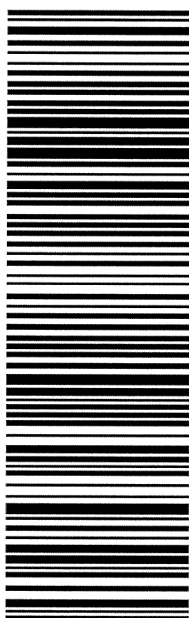
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